

Pending Claims:

In this application, claims 1-5 are currently pending. Claims 1-5 are amended by this Response. Entry of these amendments is respectfully requested.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112 (paragraph 6)

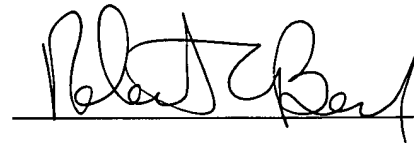
In the Office Action, a rejection was made under 35 U.S.C. §112 (paragraph 6) to claims 1-5 indicating several areas of ambiguity in the claims. Applicant has addressed the rejections and the claims are amended to obviate the Examiners objection. Additional amendments are presented to improve the clarity of the claims.

CONCLUSION

All of the claims remaining in this application should now be seen to be in condition for allowance. The prompt issuance of a notice to that effect is solicited.

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~~We claim:~~

1. An endocardial chamber mapping system comprising:

- a) a catheter assembly ~~having~~ having:
- i) an array of signal acquisition electrodes expandable from a substantially cylindrical shape to an expanded shape, and
 - ii) a catheter plug with multiple connections, each of the connections being electrically coupled to ~~a single electrode;~~ one of said array of acquisition electrodes;
- b) an interface apparatus having:
- i) an interface plug ^{adapted to be} connected to the catheter plug to establish electrical connection to each of the electrodes,
 - ii) a voltage acquisition apparatus in communication with the ~~electrodes~~ interface plug and coupled to said array of acquisition electrodes, said voltage acquisition apparatus having an analog to digital converter for digitizing voltages on said array of acquisition electrodes, and
 - iii) a signal generator in communication with ~~the~~ one or more of said array of voltage acquisition electrodes for generating low current pulses; and
- c) a computer having:
- i) electrical communication with the signal generator of the interface apparatus to control its function,
 - ii) electrical communication with the voltage acquisition apparatus to receive the voltage acquired by the signal acquisition electrodes,
 - iii) processing unit to compute the three-dimensional volumetric electric field distribution based on the ~~signals~~ voltages received from the signal acquisition electrodes, and
 - iv) a display showing the computed field distribution.

2. The endocardial chamber mapping system of claim 0, wherein the computer further comprises:



- v) means for obtaining data relating to volume and shape of the endocardial chamber through the generation of low current pulses by the signal generator and for creating an image of said volume and shape,

and wherein the display shows the ~~obtained~~computed field distribution displayed on the image of the volume and shape of the endocardial chamber.

3. The endocardial chamber mapping system of claim 2, wherein the display shows the computed field distribution in a continuously filled color-scale map shown over the volume and shape of the endocardial chamber.

4. An endocardial chamber mapping system comprising:

- a) a catheter assembly having
- i) an array of signal acquisition electrodes expandable from a substantially cylindrical shape to a substantially spherical shape, and
 - ii) an electrical connector plug with multiple connectors electrically coupled to ~~the electrodes,~~ each of the electrodes present in said array;
- b) voltage acquisition apparatus in communication with the electrodes of said array, having an analog to digital converter for converting the voltages on said array to corresponding signals; and
- c) a computer having
- i) an electrical communication with the voltage acquisition apparatus to receive the voltage acquired by the signal acquisition electrodes,
 - ii) a processing unit capable of computing the three-dimensional volumetric electric field distribution based on the ~~voltage signals~~ acquired at the signal acquisition electrodes, and
 - iii) a display for displaying the three-dimensional volumetric electric field distribution via an iso-potential map overlaid on a display of the heart geometry.

5. The system of claim 4, wherein the iso-potential map is displayed as a continuously filled color-scale map.